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Amendment To The Abstract

The following Abstract will replace all prior versions of the Abstract in the present application:

ABSTRACT

~~A method for provisioning electronic field guides comprising the steps of:~~
presenting The electronic field guide of the invention presents multiple data items to an end user, via the display of a stationary computer; and responding to the selection of computer, and allows the user to select particular ones of said the multiple data items by said user, by: downloading multimedia that are available. Multimedia data files corresponding to said particular ones of said multiple data items, to a portable computing device; whereby said the selected items are then downloaded onto a portable computing device may present the multimedia content to the end user in the field, such as a personal digital assistant (PDA). Thus, the user will have access to a subset of the overall data on his portable PDA.
This invention may be used, for example, to provide electronic field guides in such applications as bird watching, where the multimedia data files contain the images of birds, audio files containing their songs, and text data. The main data may be stored on a CDrom, be made available over the Internet, or be provided in some other manner.